

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BRUCE RAMOS, No. 1:22-cv-00430-NODJ-EPG

Plaintiff,

v.

MERCK AND CO., INC., et al.,

Defendants.

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LAURA WYLIE, No. 2:22-cv-00604-NODJ-EPG

Plaintiff,

v.

MERCK AND CO., INC., et al.,

Defendants.

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AMBER HOBBS, No. 2:22-cv-00662-NODJ-EPG

Plaintiff,

v.

MERCK AND CO., INC., et al.,

Defendants.

1	LYNETTE EDWARDS, et al.,	No. 1:22-cv-00433-NODJ-EPG
2	Plaintiffs,	
3	v.	
4	MERCK AND CO., INC., et al.,	
5	Defendants.	
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7	SHERRY WALLACE,	No. 1:22-cv-00607-NODJ-EPG
8	Plaintiff,	
9	v.	
10	MERCK AND CO., INC., et al.,	
11	Defendants.	
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13	KAROLINA CHRISTENSEN,	No. 2:22-cv-00868-NODJ-EPG
14	Plaintiff,	
15	v.	
16	MERCK AND CO., INC., et al.,	
17	Defendants.	
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21 Plaintiffs have filed a notice of related cases in all of the above-captioned  
22 actions. Examination of these actions reveals that they are related within the meaning  
23 of Local Rule 123(a). Here, all cases (1) involve the same Defendant, and (2) involve  
24 overlapping questions of law and fact. See E.D. Cal. L.R. 123(a). Accordingly, the  
25 assignment of these matters to the same judge and magistrate judge is likely to effect  
26 a substantial savings of judicial effort and be convenient for the parties.

27 The parties should be aware that while relating cases under Rule 123 causes  
28 the actions to be assigned to the same judge, it does not consolidate the actions.

1 Under Rule 123, related cases are generally assigned to the judge to whom the first  
2 filed action was assigned.

3 As a result, it is hereby ORDERED that 1:22-cv-00430-NODJ-EPG, 2:22-cv-  
4 00604-NODJ-EPG, 2:22-cv-00662-NODJ-EPG, 1:22-cv-00433-NODJ-EPG, 1:22-cv-  
5 00607-NODJ-EPG, and 2:22-cv-00868-NODJ-EPG are to be considered related within  
6 the meaning of Rule 123. As these matters are all currently assigned to the same  
7 District Judge and Magistrate Judge, no reassignment or alteration of the case  
8 caption is necessary.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: February 21, 2024

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Hon. Daniel J. Calabretta  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE